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Mayor Small to Represent Atlantic City at White House During NJUMA Policy Exchange Event

Atlantic City, N.J. (March 28, 2023) – City of Atlantic City Mayor Marty Small, Sr., who serves as Southern New Jersey Vice President of the New Jersey Urban Mayor's Association, will travel to Washington, DC this week with fellow NJUMA members for a Policy Exchange event, supported by Kean University's John S. Watson Institute for Urban Policy & Research.

Per the Urban Mayor's Policy Center, *the two-day engagement will provide an opportunity for NJUMA members to engage state delegates as well as members of the Congressional Black Caucus and Congressional Hispanic Caucus to learn more about the tools and resources available to assist municipalities in addressing the many pressing issues facing urban centers.*

Additionally, members will have the opportunity to meet with senior-level agency staff including EPA, HUD, DOT & EDA. Members will share insights on how federal policy initiatives can better target local government entities. Members will also meet with White House Policy Staff on issues that directly impact urban centers and participate in Communities in Action: Building a Better New Jersey, a series that brings local elected officials and community leaders to the White House to highlight the investments of the Biden-Harris Administration and their impacts in communities throughout the country.

"It's truly an honor to represent the Great City of Atlantic City and the Great State of New Jersey in our nation's capital," says Mayor Small. "Atlantic City has served as a blueprint for any urban city that may be struggling, demonstrating that a turnaround is possible. I look forward to discussing overcoming our challenges and coming up with new ideas alongside my colleagues."

"Convenings such as this, provide a unique opportunity for members of the New Jersey Urban Mayors Association to talk about common challenges, share best practices, provide greater access and awareness to federal resources, and discuss solutions that positively impact urban centers," says Barbara George Johnson, VP of External Affairs and Urban Policy and Research at Kean.

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